

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

David Graves

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CASE NO.

PC2008-0029

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission), pursuant to a Probable Cause investigation alleging violations of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). David Graves (Respondent) waived his right to a preliminary hearing and now agrees to resolve this matter by way of Consent Order.


FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Respondent is a former State Representative for District 137. Respondent admits that he committed the following violations of the Ethics in Government Act. First, Respondent failed to timely file six Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports (CCDRs) with the Commission, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c). These CCDRs were due on June 30, 2006, September 30, 2006, October 25, 2006, December 31, 2006, June 30, 2007, and December 31, 2007, but were not filed until February 2008. Second, Respondent failed to timely file copies of these six CCDRs with his local filing officer, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(1)(A). Finally, Respondent accrued \$450 in late filing fees. Respondent completed payment of these late fees on February 18, 2008.

Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a total civil penalty of \$3,250 within 30 days of the date of this Consent Order. Respondent is further ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions that violate the Act.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Order Respondent waives any right to an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13 et seq. Failure to comply with the terms herein absent good faith attempts to comply will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by the Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. The parties agree that all costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in an enforcement action shall be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Signatures attested to on this 27th day
of August, 2008.
By: Carolyn Dunkley


RESPONDENT

David Graves
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SO ORDERED this 4th day of December, 2008.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: William H. Jordan
William H. Jordan
Chairman

Prepared by: Tom Plank
Tom Plank
Commission Attorney